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Sample Ballot Fallacies

Among the most entertaining features of the political campaign is the jubilation of the Republican High Command at the announced results of what is described as a sample poll of American voters. This poll purports to describe the present status of the voters' opinion as giving President Roosevelt a popular majority of over 2,000,000 and Governor Landon a preponderance of six votes in the Electoral College. The announcement further states that these results were obtained by a canvass of 105,000 voters.

Suppose somebody, anxious to assay the political sentiment of a village with a voting population of a thousand, should interview three voters and from their replies should announce how that village was going in the election, how much importance could be attached to that announcement?

Yet that is approximately the proportion on which the absurd conclusion of last Sunday's publication is based. It is about as accurate as would be determining the complexion of a thousand chickens distributed unevenly in 48 coops into which somebody reached a hand and found that the first chicken withdrawn was black, the second white, and the third speckled with a slight preponderance of dark spots, and so should announce gravely that while the result indicated that the white chickens in all the coops were 40 more than the black chickens, the reports from 48 coops indicated that the percentage was the other way about. That deduction would be something approaching the conclusions drawn by the recent poll.

According to this calculation, Mr. Landon is safe only in 13 states, with an aggregate of 90 electoral votes, while Mr. Roosevelt is safe in 24 states, with an electoral vote of 229. In order to figure a Republican victory, there had to be included as "probably Republican" 11 of the states styled as doubtful, while allowing the President only three.

A Doubtful Way of Being Doubtful

Included in the states in which the Republicans are accorded an advantage are every one of the most populous states in the east and all of the most populous states of the middle west. In all, the calculation gives 173 electoral votes on the doubtful list to the Republicans and only 30 electoral votes on the doubtful list to the Democrats.

Needless to say, the figures do not at all accord with the estimates made from Democratic sources. Those who gamble on elections would be quite willing to bet that the 13 "safely Republican" states will not be in that column on election day, and to give still larger odds that the eight doubtful states classed as "Republican" will not show any such advantage on election day. To put it more bluntly, the Democrats will only have to carry any one of six of these "doubtful" states to win the election—that is, if they win in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, or Minnesota, Mr. Roosevelt goes in for a second term.

The poll that has caused so much Republican jubilation naively presents that it was taken before Governor Lehman of New York had expressed his willingness to run again for the governorship. In '32, with the same combination of Roosevelt for President and Lehman for Governor, New York state went Democratic by nearly 600,000 majority.

Incidentally, the questionnaires went out on June 16, so they caught the back wash of the Cleveland convention, and the replies had to be in by July 6, which gave little time for the Democrats. It was admirably timed to get one kind of response.

Of course, these polls are hardly valuable as an index of public sentiment unless we know how they are conducted and how general the representation of all the elements of the population may be.

The particular poll discussed here does not reveal how it was conducted except by the general statement that it was "a cross section of the voting population," admittedly addressed to only 105,000 of some 50 million voters in the United States.

Infinitesimally Small Sampling
As a general rule, perhaps because it is the easiest process, the votes are solicited from telephone directories and those who have automobile permits. Statisticians tell us that only 87 out of each thousand voters has a telephone listed in his or her name, and only 179 out of each thousand have automobiles. They also tell us that the percentage of replies to questionnaires is only one in five. Consequently, the telephone voters in these polls are only 17 out of each thousand of population. If the proportion as between the two candidates is 9 to 8, a change of two votes in a thousand would reverse the result. Which is only another way of saying that the overwhelming mass of voters in the United States are practically unrepresented in such straw balloting as this.

Without questioning the good faith of those who conduct these polls, it might be worthy of attention to note that they are sold to metropolitan newspapers, which, of course, are looking for startling headlines and sensational stories with which to attract readers. Going back to the old New York Sun designation of news—it was not news if a dog bit a man, but it would be news if a man bit a dog—it might be presented that there would be no sensation in announcing that the President was due for re-election, while a contrary statement would not fail to cause discussion and otherwise help newspaper circulation. It might be a coincidence that a preponderant majority of the newspapers that are buying this service are those distinctly anti-administration. As such, naturally they would be happier in printing that there was some doubt in the November event than simply to repeat what a great majority of the people of the United States accept as a positive fact, that President Roosevelt will still be in the White House next year.

However, this election will not be decided by straw ballots or by statements based thereon, by Republican party potentates, or Liberty Leaguers. The farm hand in the agricultural belt, who does not figure in the straw votes, counts as much on election day as the Wall Street banker. The ballot of the miner in the depths of the coal mines has exactly the same value when a count is really made as the gentleman who owns the coal deposits. It will be these who make the headline sample balloting look foolish on election day, as was illustrated by the recent Oklahoma election. Three days after the "poll" sponsored by all of the leading Old Guard newspapers in the country had "revealed" that Gov. Alf M. Landon would carry Oklahoma, the Associated Press announced that the total vote cast for the various candidates for the nomination for United States senator, the head of the ticket, in the Oklahoma primary was Democratic 500,000, Republican 85,000.

Around the Council Table

A number of matters were settled at the adjourned meeting of the Torrance city council Tuesday afternoon, including the following:

Final adoption of the emergency ordinance prohibiting the sale of milk and dairy products made from the milk of cows and goats infected with tuberculosis; Renewal of the contract with the Torrance Hospital Association covering first aid to accident cases of indigent persons; Calling for bids for the collection and disposal of garbage; Purchasing of a piano at \$36 for the civic auditorium.

Authorizing a \$25 appropriation for the Kiddies Doll Show; Permitting the leasing of the civic auditorium for public dances on Saturday evenings.

A request received from Chairman Legg of the board of supervisors that the city furnish a float for the National Air Races in September was taken under consideration.

A protest against the location of a small house at Martina and 218th street was denied on advice of City Engineer Leonard that the city had no authority to restrict residence construction in this section, which is zoned for any type of single family dwellings. Mr. Leonard stated that when the house which is being moved onto the property was painted it would not be objectionable. Members of the city council stated that in their opinion the new dwelling would look better than a number of other houses in the neighborhood. The report that the owner of the property intended to move in additional houses was denied by Leonard, who stated that it was the intention of the owner to locate the small 3-room house on the back of the lot and later erect a new house in front.

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efforts to the rubber, automobile and radio industries.

Policies Clash

Their policies clashed sharply with those of the craft unionists who dominate the American Federation of Labor. Under the federation's policy, skilled workers in industries have been organized in individual craft unions. Loss of hundreds of thousands of their members to industrial unions was inevitable if the C. I. O. drive was successful.

The executive council of the A. F. of L. invited Lewis and his aides to appear last month for a hearing. The bid was rejected. Then John P. Frey, head of the metal trades department, acting as prosecutor, filed four charges against the C. I. O. unionists and they were ordered to stand trial Monday.

Lewis wrote a sharp letter challenging the power of the council to discipline him and the other "rebels" and all refused to appear. The council began deliberating the fate of the group yesterday and concluded its work late yesterday with a verdict of "guilty" for all but two of the alleged insurgents.

Explains Decision

President Wm. Green explained the decision which has shattered the "united front" labor has presented for more than half a century. He insisted that the issue before the council was not craft unions versus industrial unions, as the two types of unions now are operating under the federation.

He emphasized that the C. I. O. members were not being asked to give up their indorsement or espousal of industrial unions. The issue, Green stressed, was Frey's charges that the C. I. O. was a dual union organization engaged in fomenting insurrection and that its members had violated contracts entered into with the federation when they had been granted international charters.

"They may choose whether they will remain with the American Federation of Labor or cast their lot with the dual, rival organization," Green said. "The decision of the executive council means they cannot belong to both organizations at the same time."

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits for the seven months ending July 31, show a total of \$257,531 as compared with \$149,803 for the same period a year ago. July permits totaled \$33,690, an increase of \$27,115 over those of July, 1935.

AT LAKE ARROWHEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters and son George are spending two weeks vacation at Lake Arrowhead.

United Concrete Will Build Unit Of Aqueduct

Local Concern Is Low Bidder on Pipe Line for Water District

Construction of three new major units of the distribution system of the Metropolitan water district aqueduct, at an estimated cost of about \$1,500,000, soon will be started, according to an announcement from the office of General Manager F. H. Weymouth of the district.

The three new pipe line sections will link together the Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and San Rafael tunnels of the aqueduct distributing system, which will bring Colorado river water from the western end of the main aqueduct directly to Los Angeles and its 12 sister cities of the water district.

Low bidder on the three new units was the United Concrete Pipe Corporation which offered to build the four and one-half miles of giant precast concrete pipe for \$955,332. The cost of items to be furnished by the water district—including materials, rights of way, engineering, etc.—is estimated at \$551,670.

FAMOUS EVENTS

The battle of Oriskany, New York, was fought August 6, 1777.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES CLYDE ANDERSON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.
No. 160194

Notice is hereby given that the petition of MARY ANN ANDERSON, for the Probate of Will of James Clyde Anderson, Deceased, and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon to Mary Ann Anderson, will be heard at 10 o'clock A. M., on August 28, 1936, at the Court Room of Department 24 of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated July 31, 1936.
E. LAMPTON,
County Clerk.
By J. R. Sweesy, Deputy.
CHAS. T. RIPPY,
Torrance, Calif.,
Attorney for Petitioner.
Aug. 6-13-40.

ORDINANCE NO. 287
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MILK, CREAM OR DAIRY PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM COWS OR GOATS INFECTED OR AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or association, or for any agent or employee thereof, to sell, offer for sale, or distribute, or to cause or permit to be sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the corporate limits of the City of Torrance, or for any such person, firm, corporation, or association, or agent or employee thereof, other than a carrier for hire, to bring into, or cause or permit to be brought into, or to receive in or cause or permit to be received in, said corporate limits of said City of Torrance, for the pur-

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pose of sale or distribution therein, any milk, cream, or dairy product for human consumption, any portion of which milk, cream or dairy product shall have been obtained from any cow or goats, or any goat or goats, infected or afflicted by or with tuberculosis, or reacting positively to any tuberculin test.

Section 2. That the tuberculin test last above mentioned shall be made by any person designated by the City Council by resolution or otherwise, or tests made by the Live Stock Inspector of the County of Los Angeles, or his duly authorized representative, shall be received in any court of competent jurisdiction, and particularly in the City Court of the City of Torrance as prima facie evidence of the contents thereof and of the truth thereof. In event the City of Torrance shall make a contract with the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to enforce the health laws of the City of Torrance, the officer therein designated to enforce the same, shall be the person designated and authorized to make said tuberculin tests. Said tests may be made by any other competent person.

Section 3. That any such person, firm, corporation, or association, or any agent or employee thereof, violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not to exceed \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the City Jail of the City of Torrance for a period of not to exceed six months, or may be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. That the preservation of the public peace, health and safety require that this ordinance become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption. The facts constituting such urgency are as follows: Certain counties in the northern part of the State of California are resisting the testing of cattle by the tuberculin test, and the elimination of positive cattle from their herds. Certain products from the milk of said counties, namely, butter, cheese, evaporated and powdered milk and other manufactured products are being shipped from these districts into Los Angeles County, and the Cities therein, and it is essential that these products be eliminated to protect the public health, peace and safety.

Introduced, approved and adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, held on the 4th day of August, 1936.
W. H. STANGER,
Mayor of the City of Torrance, Calif.

ATTEST:
A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk City of Torrance, Calif.
State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of Torrance)

I, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, held on the 4th day of August, 1936, and that the same was adopted by the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire, Tolson, Hitchcock and Stanger.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk, City of Torrance, California.

Aug. 6.

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TEN HIGHEST SPOTS IN RECOVERY MARCH

Power Consumption: New all-time peak.
Steel Operations: Highest since April, 1930.
Retail Sales: Heaviest in five years.
Building: 62 percent above a year ago.
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Gasoline Consumption: Breaking all previous records.
Lumber Production: At a new peak since May, 1930.
Automobile Output: Best since the boom.

Payrolls: Double the depression bottom.
Business Failures: At all-time record, lows.

—From the Washington Post (Rep.)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Torrance, California, will receive bids up to 7:45 o'clock P. M. on August 26, 1936, for the collection and/or disposal of all garbage and tin cans of the inhabitants of the City of Torrance, such garbage and tin cans to be collected as called for under paragraph (c). All bids must be filed in the office of the City Clerk of said City. All bids may be rejected. Alternate bids are desired as follows:

PROPOSAL (a) For the purchase of all garbage of said inhabitants, the City to collect and deliver the same to the purchaser at any point not more than five miles from the City Hall of said City.

PROPOSAL (B) For the collection and disposal of said garbage and cans, bidder to furnish trucks and operate and maintain the same at his own expense. Operator of truck and helper are to be employed and paid by the City. Disposal of garbage to be subject to the ordinances, rules and regulations of the City Council.

(c) Trucks for the collection of garbage are to be operated in accordance with regulations established by the City Council, and collection shall be made as follows:

For that territory north of Carson Street to Dominguez Street, garbage collection shall be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
From the easterly boundary

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of the City of Torrance to Madrid Avenue, collection shall be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

West of Madrid Avenue collection shall be made on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
South of Carson Street to Sepulveda Boulevard collection shall be made Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

In the Walteria section, Hollywood-Rivera section and North Lomita section, garbage collection shall be made Tuesdays and Fridays.

Tin cans must be collected once a week, as directed by the City Council.

By order of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, August 7, 1936.

A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk, City of Torrance, California.
Aug. 6-13.

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